

## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a multimedia retrieval system and a  
5 method thereof which is capable of performing a multimedia data retrieval among  
different systems using color histograms constructed with different color spaces  
and color quantization methods, in particular to a content-based multimedia  
retrieval system and a method thereof which is capable of retrieving multimedia  
data among different systems, by extracting or converting a color histogram of a  
10 query image or a color histogram of an image to be retrieved into a color  
histogram of the same color space and color quantization method each other, and  
using the extracted or converted color histogram.